## DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING June 7, 2013

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller James Layman Aaron David Darrell Pollesch Ernest Borchardt

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Bernadette Mueller, Child Support Director; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Dept.; Lynn Steger, Register in Probate, Barbara Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Layman to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Judge Bauer states that he only dropped in this morning to introduce Barb Brandt, his Judicial Assistant, who will be this Committee's new Recording Secretary. He states the Judges have decided to reassign some responsibilities. He knows that Barb is very competent to do the Minutes for these meetings and that she will do a great job. The Committee welcomes Barb.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Borchardt to approve Minutes of May 3, 2013; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Committee Member Reports: MaryAnn Miller states that she attended the Peace Keepers Memorial Service; the speaker was Sheriff Ninmann and she did a great job.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck is at a Criminal Evidence Seminar today, but prepared a written report that was distributed and read by Steger. The Judge reported on the following:

a) State Budget Cut for the Courts. Judge explains recommendation by the Joint Finance Committee which is for approximately \$12 Million in cuts; if the Legislature and Governor follow that recommendation, there will have to be substantial cuts by the Courts.

- b) Law Library/Register in Probate Office. In order to provide a private office for the Register in Probate, the Judges intend to purge some of the obsolete books from the law library. An inventory of the books has been completed; several of the books have not been used for years. Steger comments that although she enjoys being in her current office, there are several interruptions during the day because it is also the reception area for the Courts.
- c) IPAD for Warrants for OWI. The Courts have acquired an IPAD with a signing program on it so that warrants and affidavits can be e.mailed to the intake Judge by an officer from their squad during an OWI stop. This new system should decrease the delay in obtaining warrants for blood draws. The Judge thanks IT and the County for their support in developing this system.
- d) New Family Court Commissioner Appointed. With the election of Joseph Sciascia as Circuit Court Judge, it was necessary for the Judges to appoint a new Family Court Commissioner. Steven Seim, the current Assistant Family Court Commissioner, was appointed effective August 1, 2013.
- e) Recording Secretary for Committee. Judge asks approval of Barbara Brandt as the new Recording Secretary for the Law Enforcement Committee. This request is made in order to free up some of the Register in Probate's time. Steger states that she has very much enjoyed her time with the Committee and will always be willing to fill in in the event Barb is not available.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reports that the Dodge County Child Support Agency has received a Performance Award from the Bureau of Child Support. Dodge County is one of eighteen counties that received the Award, which is based on performance standards. Dodge County met three of the four standards required. Mueller commends her staff on their hard work and also believes that the Call Center has helped them to be more efficient.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron notes that she does not have an agenda item but wants to comment on Minutes taken by her Clerks during court hearings. She notes that the Dodge County Clerks put details in their Court Minutes as to what takes place in the courtroom. These Minutes, which are on-line through CCAP, benefit the DA's office, law enforcement, etc. Not all Counties have this procedure for their Minutes, but Hron believes this is a benefit for all.

**District Attorney Report:** Kurt Klomberg reports that four of the DA's from the office went to a conference last month. It was a good training experience put on by the Department of Justice; there were 150-200 prosecutors attending statewide. Klomberg notes that this has been a busy month; they have had an ongoing investigation. Klomberg informs the Committee of the WDAA's work to establish a pay progression system; last year the Assembly passed a pay progression Bill and funding was approved. This is a merit based pay progression which will be a real asset in keeping ADA's. Previously DA's offices had a hard time keeping ADA's; hopefully this will change that. Bob Barrington advises that they have a UW Law School Intern, Daniel Skarie, from Sussex; he has a trainer's license and will be able to be in the Courtroom with supervision.

Medical Examiner Report: P.J. Schoebel did not attend meeting.

**Sheriff's Department Report:** Sheriff Ninmann reports that effective today, Scott Smith is the official Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Department. She believes that he is a good fit.

- a) Resolution for New World Software Enhancement. Ninmann states with regard to the agenda item for a Resolution for the New World software enhancement, that they have decided to wait for the July board meeting. They would like to get some of the newer enhancements which will cost more money. They may come back with a Resolution not to exceed \$50,000 in case something comes up.
- b) Out-of-State Travel. Ninmann notes that she plans to attend the Badger State Sheriff's Conference. In addition, she is requesting approval for out-of-state travel; she is scheduled to attend the National Sheriff's Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The cost will be approximately \$1,000 for the squad mileage and gas. She notes that Todd Nehls was never able to attend the Conference but believes it is important to go in order to develop a network of contacts with other departments and with the various vendors. Ninmann states that there are 41 female Sheriff's in the Country.

Sheriff Ninmann notes that with the assistance of Judge Bauer and Kurt Klomberg, a \$25,000 Grant was written to bring public awareness to the Opioid problems. They hope to use the money for radio announcements, seminars and education. Klomberg notes that there is tremendous support from the clergy community, hospitals and school officials. He gives Judge Bauer the credit for writing the grant. Ninmann also notes that they wrote a grant for drug drop box which they want to put in the lobby of the Sheriff's Department. Aaron David states that the City of Watertown has a drop box and it is a great asset. Ninmann informs that she will be sending invitations for the June 14<sup>th</sup> swearing in ceremony for new hires in her Department.

c) Crime Prevention Fund. Scott Smith requests approval for the expenditure of \$1,500 from the Crime Prevention Fund for educational materials. Although these materials are largely used at the County Fair, they are handed out all year long. They use the materials for the Child ID Program, they purchase coloring books, book markers, pencils, etc. They are asking for more money than usual in order to restock their supplies since the current stock is low. He notes that the yard signs are also popular. Motion by Borchardt to approve expenditure of \$1,500 from the Crime Prevention Fund for educational supplies; second by Layman. Motion carried. Smith notes that there is currently approximately \$8,200 in the Crime Prevention Fund.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 5, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by David to adjourn meeting; second by Pollesch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary Lynn M. Steger, Recording Secretary